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Official meetings

Friday, 6 February 2015

Security Council

10:00 — 7377th meeting [webcast] — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Security Council resolutions 1160 (1998), 1199 (1998), 1203 (1998), 1239 (1999) and 1244 (1999)

   Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (S/2015/74)

Morning[1] — 7378th meeting [webcast] — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Mali

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[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 7377th meeting.

Announcement

A special event of the President of the General Assembly on the occasion of the World Interfaith Week entitled "World Interfaith Harmony: Multi-religious Partnership for Sustainable Development", will take place *today*, 6 February 2015, at 10:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 28 January and 3 February 2015, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. [webcast]

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Security Council

Morning[1]	Consultations of the whole (closed) Sudan sanctions (S/2015/31) Other matters	Consultations Room
15:00	Consultations of the whole (closed) Middle East (Syria) (S/2015/56) Other matters	Consultations Room

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 7378th meeting.

General Assembly

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Working Group II (Arbitration and Conciliation)
Sixty-second session

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 2
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 2

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10

1. Comprehensive business case for the application of flexible workplace strategies at the United Nations
2. Executive meeting

Security Council

Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict

15:00 to 18:00	53rd meeting (closed)	Conference Room 7

Economic and Social Council

Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations
2015 regular session

10:00	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 1

11:30[1] to 13:00 — 14th meeting — Conference Room 1

1. Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (E/C.2/2015/CRP.1 and E/C.2/2015/CRP.3) [item 3 (a)]
2. Other related matters [item 6 (c)]
3. Provisional agenda and documentation for the 2016 session of the Committee [item 9]
4. Adoption of the report of the Committee [item 10]

15:00 to 18:00 — 15th meeting — Conference Room 1

Applications for consultative status and requests for reclassification deferred from previous sessions of the Committee (E/C.2/2015/CRP.1 and E/C.2/2015/CRP.3) [item 3 (a)]

[1]Immediately after the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Commission for Social Development
Fifty-third session

10:00 to 13:00 — 6th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 4

Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (E/CN.5/2015/2) [item 3]

(c) Emerging issues: Contributions of social development to the transition from the Millennium Development Goals to the sustainable development goals (E/CN.5/2015/6)

Panel discussion on "Emerging issues: Contributions of social development to the Transition from Millennium Development Goals to Sustainable Development Goals"

15:00 to 18:00 — 7th meeting [webcast] — Conference Room 4

Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly (E/CN.5/2015/2) [item 3]

(b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups (A/70/61–E/2015/3, E/CN.5/2015/4* and E/CN.5/2015/5)

(i) World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons

(ii) Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities

(iii) World Programme of Action for Youth

(iv) Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

(v) Family issues, policies and programmes

General discussion

[Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma, of the composition of their delegations (c/o Mr. Jose Rene Tanoy (e-mail tanoy@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Delegations should contact the secretariat regarding accessibility requirements, *as soon as possible* (e-mail doultonf@un.org).

The lists of speakers are open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the lists should contact, *in writing*, Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org). Delegations are reminded that, according to past

practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes*, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*, and statements made by all others should not exceed *five minutes*.

Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services are offered as an additional service for the fifty-third session of the Commission. Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail.

The statements will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal only after delivery by delegations. To consult comprehensive information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

The list of side events on the occasion of the fifty-third session of the Commission is accessible by *clicking here*.]

Economic and Social Council

Commission for Social Development
Fifty-third session
Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Policies and Programmes involving youth", under item 3 (b) (iii) of the fifty-third session of the Commission, convened by the Permanent Missions of Senegal, the Republic of Moldova and Portugal, will take place *today*, 6 February 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7.

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf
Thirty-seventh session

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf *today*, 6 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories (Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by permanent missions

The agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/69/251 and A/69/252. The meetings under this header are closed.

Friday, 6 February 2015

General Assembly

Informal consultations on draft resolution (A/69/L.50), entitled "Improving Nutrition" (under agenda item 25) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Ireland)

From 11:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 9.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Education for Democracy" (under agenda item 13) (convened by the Permanent Mission of Mongolia)

From 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 8.

Other meetings

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Friday, 6 February 2015

Group of 77 (on Second Committee and related matters)

10:00 to 13:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room E
15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 9

Group of 77 (on Third Committee and related matters)

15:00 to 18:00	Closed meeting	Conference Room 13

Other activities

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Friday, 6 February 2015

Briefing on the *World Employment and Social Outlook - Trends 2015 Report* (by the Director of the Research Department of the International Labour Organization) (organized by the International Labour Organization (ILO))

From 08:30 to 10:00, in Conference Room 8. [webcast]

[All are invited. For further information, please contact the ILO Office for the United Nations (e-mail ricaurte@ilo.org; tel. 1 (212) 697-0150).]

Seminar on "Peaceful and Inclusive Societies and Democratic Governance" (co-organized by the International IDEA and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) New York Office)

From 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 8. [webcast]

[All are invited. For further information, please contact the UNITAR New York Office (e-mail nyo@unitar.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).]

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

Friday, 6 February 2015

Press Briefing Room (S-0237) [webcast]

10:00	Press conference on "Engaging health workers to end Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)" [*Speakers:* Ms. Jaha Dukureh, Young Activist and Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) survivor; Ms. Edna Adan Ismail, Nurse-Midwife, Director and Founder of the Edna Adan Maternity Hospital in Hargeisa, Somaliland and Ms. Nafissatou J. Diop, Senior Adviser and Coordinator of the UNFPA-UNICEF Joint Programme on Female Genital Mutilation Cutting: Accelerating Change [*Moderator:* Ms. Margaret Novicki, Chief, Communication Campaigns Service, Department of Public Information]
12:00	Press briefing by the Spokesperson
12:20 (approximately)	Press conference by Mr. Jean Victor Nkolo, Spokesman for the President of the General Assembly on the "Thematic Debate of the General Assembly on Means of Implementation for a Transformative Post-2015 Development Agenda"

Announcements

Informal meeting regarding the commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the opening for signature of the United Nations Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks (United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement)

The Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea, Office of Legal Affairs, will hold an informal meeting (closed) to discuss matters related to the organization of events for the commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the opening for signature of the United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement, in the context of the Informal Consultations of States Parties to the Agreement on 17 March 2015, and in the context of World Oceans Day on 8 June 2015. The meeting will take place *today*, 6 February 2015, at 14:00, in the DOALOS Conference Room (DC2 Building, 4th Floor). All interested permanent missions to the United Nations are invited to attend.

General Assembly
Sixty-ninth session

An informal meeting of the plenary (closed) on the intergovernmental negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council, will be held on Wednesday, 11 February 2015, at 10:00, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 19 January 2015 was sent to all Permanent Representatives. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mail poliakova@un.org).

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 9 February 2015

High-level Thematic Debate on Means of Implementation for a Transformative Post-2015 Development Agenda[1]

Opening

Statements by: President of the General Assembly

Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations

10:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Plenary segment: A renewed global partnership for implementation of the post-2015 development agenda

11:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Panel 1: Infrastructure Development in the post-2015 development agenda and Partnership for realizing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

15:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

[1]A letter from the President of the General Assembly dated 28 January 2015, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. For the updated programme, please *click here*.

Tuesday, 10 February 2015

High-level Thematic Debate on Means of Implementation for a Transformative Post-2015 Development Agenda[1]

Panel 2: The role of Parliaments, Cities and Local Authorities in the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda

10:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Closing

12:30 Trusteeship Council Chamber

[1]A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 28 January 2015, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers. For the updated programme, please *click here*.

General Assembly

Sixty-ninth session

The agenda of the sixty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/69/251 (see document A/69/252 for allocation of items). The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the sixty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly was issued in documents A/69/100 and A/69/100/Add.1. Please note that there is no predetermined programme of work for formal and informal meetings of the plenary for the resumed part of the session (1 January-14 September 2015). Meetings will be announced in the *Journal* when they are scheduled.

List of speakers

Delegations wishing to speak in the plenary meetings are kindly requested to inscribe with the list of speakers, General Assembly Affairs Branch (Ms. Antonina Poliakova, e-mail poliakova@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5063; room S-3082).

For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3818 (room S-3053). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

Announcement for Member States on issuance of communications

Delegations requesting issuance of communications as documents of the General Assembly should ensure that they are addressed to the Secretary-General and signed by the Permanent Representative or Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Mission to the United Nations. The communications should indicate the session of the General Assembly, and the number and title of the agenda item under which circulation is requested, using the agenda of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly contained in document A/69/251.

Electronic versions in Microsoft Word should be sent to gaab@un.org, or to dpu-dgacm@un.org, to facilitate the processing of communications. If versions in any other United Nations official languages are available, they should be included with a clear indication of the original language and/or which language versions are to be used for reference only.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

First part of the resumed session

The first resumed part of the sixty-ninth session of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly will begin on Monday, 2 March 2015, in Conference Room 3. The status of preparedness of documentation will be issued in document A/C.5/69/L.30.

Information on the work of the Fifth Committee, including the tentative and provisional programme of work, will be available on the website of the Committee at the following address www.un.org/en/ga/fifth/.

Delegations that have not done so are kindly requested to submit any changes or additions to their delegation or changes to the names of their representatives, alternate representatives and advisers, *in writing*, by note verbale or using form A/INF/69/2, to the Secretary of the Fifth Committee, Ms. Sharon Van Buerle (c/o Ms. Ilene McGrade (e-mail fifthcommittee@un.org; Room S-3241, fax 1 (212) 963-0360)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

General Assembly

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Working Group III (Online Dispute Resolution)

Thirty-first session

The Working Group will hold its thirty-first session from Monday, 9 to Friday, 13 February 2015, in Conference Room 3. The first meeting will take place on Monday,

9 February 2015, from 10:30 to 13:00. The report of the session will be adopted by the Working Group on Friday, 13 February 2015.

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The 368th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held, *at the ambassadorial level*, on Tuesday, 10 February 2015, at 10:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The provisional agenda is contained in document A/AC.183/2015/CRP.1.

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

Informal briefing

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide an informal briefing (closed) on children and peacekeeping; and the Office for the Director of Peacekeeping Strategic Partnership, to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, on Tuesday, 10 February 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2.

2015 substantive session

The Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold its 2015 substantive session from Tuesday, 17 February, to Friday, 13 March. The opening meeting will take place on Tuesday, 17 February, at 10:00, in Conference Room 2.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 51/136, "those Member States which become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Committee". Member States wishing to submit such a request should address the request in advance of the session to the Chair of the Special Committee, Her Excellency U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria (fax 1 (212) 697-1970)) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail elliotts@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that wish to send observers to this session of the Special Committee should send a request to the Chair of the Special Committee, Her Excellency U. Joy Ogwu (Permanent Mission of Nigeria, fax 1 (212) 697-1970) and are kindly requested to send a copy of any such request to the secretariat (e-mail elliotts@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305).

Pre-session documents

The provisional agenda of the session is contained in A/AC.121/2015/L.1 and the draft programme of work is contained in A/AC.121/2015/L.2. The report of the Secretary-General on the Implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations is contained in document A/69/642 and A/69/642/Add.1 and posted on the Website of the Special Committee (www.c34.unlb.org/). Other documents of the session will also be posted on the Website.

List of participants

Members and observers of the Special Committee who wish to be included in the list of participants should communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Special Committee, Ms. Sonia Elliott (e-mail elliotts@un.org; room S-3064; fax 1 (212) 963-5305). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

PaperSmart

PaperSmart will be offered as an additional service for the 2015 substantive session of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations. The official documentation of the Special Committee is available electronically via the PaperSmart portal in all official languages.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general debate (17-18 February) *is open*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list should contact the secretariat (Mr. Martin Vrastiak (e-mail vrastiak@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)). In light of the limited time available, in accordance with past practice, delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to *10 minutes* when speaking in their national capacity and to *20 minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group of countries.

Delegates are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements to papersmart4@un.org, *at least two hours in advance*, of their designated speaking slot and bring only 30 copies of their statements for technical services. The number of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will remain embargoed until delivery, after which they will be available to the public on the Portal.

Website

Background information on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee members and observers by *clicking here*. For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

Committee on Relations with the Host Country

The 270th meeting (closed) of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country will be convened on Wednesday, 11 February 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 11. Delegations of Member States and Observers that wish to attend as observers should indicate their desire to do so in advance to the Secretary of the Committee (Ms. Jessica M. Elbaz (e-mail elbazj@un.org; room S-3632)).

The meeting will not be open to members of the press or the public. Delegations of Member States are reminded that while any matter pertinent to the work of the Committee may be raised from the floor, they are encouraged, in accordance with the decision of the Committee adopted at its 164th meeting in March 1994, to request the formal inscription, at least 48 hours prior to the meeting, of specific items they would like to raise, keeping in mind the detailed list of topics adopted by the Committee in 1982 (see document A/50/26, paragraph 5). Delegations are further encouraged to submit to the Secretary of the Committee any relevant documentation or written statements in advance of the meeting.

Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Organizational meeting

The first organizational meeting of the 2015 session of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples will be held on Thursday, 19 February 2015, at 10:00, in Conference Room 3. Documents to be considered by the Special Committee at this meeting are contained in A/AC.109/2015/L.1 and A/AC.109/2015/L.2.

Permanent missions are kindly requested to communicate to Ms. Jullyette Ukabiala, Secretary of the Special Committee (c/o Mr. Dino Del Vasto (e-mail del-vasto@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0388; room S-3063; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)) the names of the representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Special Committee in 2015.

Committee on Contributions

Seventy-fifth session

The Committee on Contributions will hold its seventy-fifth session at Headquarters from Monday, 1, to Friday, 26 June 2015.

The attention of any Member States intending to request an exemption under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations is drawn to the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/237 C, in which the Assembly, *inter alia*, urges such Member States to provide the fullest possible supporting information.

The Assembly also decided that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a full review of the requests. Accordingly, any such requests should be received by the President of the General Assembly *no later than* Friday, 15 May 2015. For further information, kindly contact the Secretary of the Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5306; room FF-610 (304 East 45th Street); fax 1 (212) 963-1943)).

The Committee on Contributions will also be considering multi-year payment plans submitted pursuant to General Assembly resolution 57/4 B, as reaffirmed in resolution 67/238. Any Member States intending to submit such a plan are also invited to contact the Secretary of the Committee for further information.

United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

Executive Board

Informal briefing

There will be an informal briefing at the occasion of the UN-Women Executive Board first regular session of 2015, on the operational response of UN-Women to the Ebola crisis in West Africa. The briefing will be held on Monday, 9 February 2015, from 13:30 to 14:30, in Conference Room 1.

First regular session of 2015

The first regular session of 2015 of the Executive Board of UN-Women will take place on Monday, 9 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 1.

The annotated provisional agenda and workplan for the session are contained in document UNW/2015/L.1. To consult the available documentation for the session, please *click here*.

The first regular session 2015 will be PaperSmart, as per established practice. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart.eb@unwomen.org), at *least two hours* in advance of their speaking slot. The statements will be distributed electronically via the PaperSmart portal at the time of delivery, and will be under embargo until then. Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services. Please note that hard copies of statements will not be distributed by conference services during the session.

Printing-on-demand service will be made available to members of the Executive Board and observer delegations upon request, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room. Delegations are encouraged to carry their laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices to be able to access documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf

Thirty-seventh session

There will be plenary meetings (closed) of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf, from Monday, 9 to Friday, 13 February 2015, and from Monday, 9 to Friday, 13 March 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 6.

Security Council

Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism

The Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1373 (2001) concerning counter-terrorism will hold an open briefing on Tuesday, 10 February 2015, from *10:00 to 11:30*, in Conference Room 1. Ms. Christiane Taubira, Minister of Justice of France, will make a presentation on "The Importance of the Rule of Law in Countering the Current Terrorist Threat".

Inquiries can be sent to Ms. Rebecca Brattskar, Associate Political Affairs Officer (e-mail brattskar@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4111); or to Mr. Matteo Sestito, Associate Political Affairs Officer (e-mail sestito@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4112).

Economic and Social Council

2015 session

Operational activities segment (23-25 February 2015)
[item 7 and sub-items (a), (b) and (c) of the agenda (E 2015/1)]

The 2015 operational activities segment, chaired by the Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, Her Excellency María Emma Mejía Vélez (Colombia), will be held from Monday, 23 to Wednesday, 25 February 2015, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The opening of the segment will be held on Monday, 23 February, at 10:00, with a keynote address by the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Jan Eliasson.

Additional information on the programme of the segment will be made available in due course on the website of the Economic and Social Council.

List of participants

Delegations are kindly requested to send the names of their representatives and alternates to the operational activities segment of the 2015 session of the Council to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Jennifer de Laurentis (c/o Ms. Jacqueline Aidenbaum (e-mail aidenbaum@un.org, room S-1271; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail. Delegations are advised that only one list of participants will be issued at the end of the 2015 session of the Council.

Briefing

There will be a briefing of the Economic and Social Council on Thursday, 12 February 2015, from 11:00 to 13:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The Vice-President of the Council, Her Excellency María Emma Mejía Vélez, will brief the Council on the preparations for the forthcoming operational activities segment (Monday, 23 to Wednesday, 25 February 2015) and the follow-up to the dialogue on the longer-term positioning of the United Nations development system, and the Director, Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will brief the Council on the highlights of the report of the Secretary-General on the quadrennial comprehensive policy review. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Kirit Patel, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, DESA (e-mail patelk@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3944).

Commission for Social Development
Fifty-third session
Informal consultations

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Modalities for the third review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002", under item 3 (b) (iv) of the fifty-third session of the Commission, convened by the Vice-Chair, Ms. Janina Hasse-Mohsine (Germany), will take place on Monday, 9 February, 2015, from 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room B; and on Wednesday, 11 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room B.

Statistical Commission

Briefing

A briefing in preparation for the forty-sixth session of the Statistical Commission will take place on Wednesday, 25 February 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 7.

Forty-sixth session

The forty-sixth session of the Statistical Commission will be held from Tuesday, 3 March, to Friday, 6 March 2015, in Conference Room 1. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.3/2015/1 and E/CN.3/2015/L.1, respectively.

Representatives of States members of the Commission, who are entitled to travel expenses coverage by the United Nations, are requested to kindly complete and submit to the Secretariat *at the earliest convenience* the forms distributed in this regard. For this purpose, please contact Ms. Li Wang (e-mail wangl@un.org, fax 1 (212) 963-4569).

Delegations are informed that PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service for this session.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart1@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal only after delivery by delegations.

In addition, a print-on-demand service will be made available to delegations, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room.

Delegations wishing to attend the session and to be included in the list of participants are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations to the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Jullyette Ukabiala (c/o Victor Leu (e-mails leu@un.org and ukabiala@un.org; room S-3059; fax 1 (212) 963-5305)).

Further information on the session can be obtained on the website of the Commission (*click here*); or by contacting Ms. Sabine Warschburger, Statistics Division (e-mail warschburger@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4297).

Commission on the Status of Women
Fifty-ninth session

The fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be held from Monday, 9 to Friday, 20 March 2015. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 9 March, at 10:00, in the General Assembly Hall.

The annotated provisional agenda and proposed organization of work for the session are contained in documents E/CN.6/2015/1 and E/CN.6/2015/1/Add.1, respectively.

Additional information on the work of the Commission can be found on the Commission website (*click here*). To consult the list of side events on the occasion of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission, please *click here*.

Participation and seating arrangements

Members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. Moncef Khane, of the composition of their delegations as soon as possible (c/o Ms. Jacqueline Aidenbaum (e-mail aidenbaum@un.org; room S-1271; fax 1 (212) 963-5935, with a copy to Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers in the conference room, only observers who would have communicated the composition of their delegations to the Secretariat *by Thursday, 5 March 2015*, will have reserved seats. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

List of speakers and general discussion

The list of speakers for the general discussion *will open on Monday, 9 February 2015*. Requests for inscription should be sent, *in writing*, with the full name and functional title of the speaker, to the Secretary of the Commission (c/o Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; room S-1284; fax 1 (212) 963-5935, with a copy to Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

General discussion of agenda item 3 (Follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and to the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century") will begin on Monday, 9 March, in the morning, and will continue in the afternoon of Monday, 9 March, the afternoon of Tuesday, 10 March; and the mornings of Wednesday, 11, to Friday, 13 March. For the schedule of the general discussions for the following week, please consult the organization of work (E/CN.6/2015/1/Add.1).

Delegations are reminded that, in accordance with the established practice, statements made by individual delegations shall not exceed *five minutes*, and statements made on behalf of a group of States shall not exceed *ten minutes*.

Ministerial round tables and panel discussions

The Commission will hold four Ministerial round tables during its fifty-ninth session on Tuesday, 10 March 2015. For the themes and schedule, please consult the organization of work (E/CN.6/2015/1/Add.1), as well as the discussion guide (E/CN.6/2015/4).

Delegations are kindly requested to communicate the name and functional title of the Minister, together with a first preference for participation in one Ministerial round table and one back-up option, preferably *no later than* Friday, 27 February 2015 to Ms. Catalina de Leon (e-mail leonc@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; room S-1284) with a copy to Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935) and Ms. Estefania Guallar (estefania.guallar@unwomen.org). No speakers' lists will be established for the Commission's interactive events.

Statements and PaperSmart arrangements

Delegates are informed that PaperSmart services will be offered as an additional service for the fifty-ninth session of the Commission.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement at least *one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart3@un.org.

The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will be made available on the Commission's PaperSmart portal.

Participation of non-governmental organizations

Information on the participation of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission has been posted (*click here*).

Reports of relevant special procedures of the Human Rights Council brought to the attention of the Commission on the Status of Women

As requested in relevant resolutions, the reports by the relevant special procedures of the Human Rights Council are brought to the attention of the Commission on the Status of Women at its fifty-ninth session and can be accessed by *clicking here*.

2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons

The 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT) will be held from Monday, 27 April to Friday, 22 May 2015, at Headquarters. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 27 April, at 10:30, in the General Assembly Hall.

The United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs has prepared an information note for States parties, observer States and intergovernmental organizations, contained in document NPT/CONF.2015/INF/1/Rev.1*.

Further information for participants will be made available, in due course, in the *Journal* and on the Website of the 2015 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (*click here*).

Forthcoming other meetings

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Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (briefing by the Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities)

Tuesday, 10 February 2015, from 15:00 to *16:30*, in Conference Room 8.

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (briefing by the Chair of the Global Partnerships Forum, and Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Global Partnerships, International Telecommunication Union)

Tuesday, 10 February 2015, from 16:30 to 18:00, in Conference Room 8.

Forthcoming other activities

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Event on "Making the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Work: Harnessing Trade, Investment and Technology for Sustainable Development" (organized by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD))

Tuesday, 10 February 2015, from 13:15 to 16:00, in Conference Room 12.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Jiaming Miao, UNCTAD (e-mail miaoj@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3766).]

High-level panel discussion on "The Post-2015 Agenda and a New Climate Agreement: Building Mutually Reinforcing Processes" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Peru, Sweden and Viet Nam and Sustainable Development Solutions Network)

Tuesday, 10 February 2015, from 13:15 to 14:45, in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Sandra Rimstedt, Permanent Mission of Sweden (e-mail sandra.rimstedt@gov.se; tel. 1 (212) 583-2521).]

High-level event on "The Future of Cities: An Integrated Approach to Urban Challenges" (co-organized by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat), the Consortium for Sustainable Urbanization (CSU) and the American Institute of Architects (AIA) (New York Chapter))

Tuesday, 10 February 2015, from 15:00 to 18:00, in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Francesca De Ferrari, UN-Habitat New York Office (e-mail deferrari@un.org).]

Inaugural World Women's Health and Development Forum – High Level Forum on Women's Health and Development (co-organized by the Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) and the Royal Academy of Science International Trust)

Wednesday, 11 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber; and

Thursday, 12 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and 15:00 to 18:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All permanent missions, permanent observer missions, and United Nations agencies are invited. For further information and registration, please contact Mr. Chaudhry Zafar Iqbal, DESA (e-mail iqbalc@un.org); or Mr. Richard Jordan (e-mail nyun@rasit.org; or whf@rasit.org; tel. 1 (917) 503-3868); or *click here*.]

Global launch of the *African Report on Violence against Children* (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Zambia, the African Union (AU), the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Violence against Children (SRSG-VAC) and the African Child Policy Forum (ACPF))

Wednesday, 11 February 2015, from 13:15 to 14:30, in Conference Room 12.

[All are invited. For further information and to register, please contact Ms. Kathryn Leslie, SRSG-VAC (e-mail kleslie@unicef.org; tel. 1 (212) 824-6523).]

Event on "Security Sector Reform" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Slovakia and South Africa, the Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP))

Thursday, 12 February 2015, from 10:00 to 12:30, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

[All are invited. Opening remarks will be made by the Deputy Secretary-General. For further information, please contact Ms. Anna Rendek, Permanent Mission of Slovakia (e-mail anna.rendekova@mzv.sk; tel. 1 (347) 885-2258).]

Thirteenth Coordination Meeting on International Migration (organized by the Population Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))

Thursday, 12 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in *Conference Room 11*; and

Friday, 13 February 2015, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, in *Conference Room 11*.

[Members of permanent missions, permanent observer missions and United Nations staff are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Bela Hovy, Population Division (e-mail migrationp@un.org); or *click here*; to register please *click here*.]

Forthcoming official meetings held away from Headquarters

General Assembly

Third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction
Sendai, Japan (14-18 March 2015)

The third United Nations World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction will be held from Saturday, 14 to Wednesday, 18 March 2015, in the Sendai International Centre, Sendai, Japan, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 68/211 of 20 December 2013. Also, the Preparatory Committee for the Conference will hold its third session on 13 March 2015 in Sendai.

A note by the Secretariat containing information for participants has been issued as document A/CONF.224/INF/1.

List of speakers for the plenary meetings

Inscription on the list of speakers for the plenary meetings of the Conference (item 8 of the provisional agenda (A/CONF.224/1), "General exchange of views") *is open*.

All delegations wishing to inscribe are kindly requested to contact the Secretariat, in writing, by e-mail (Ms. Antonina Poliakova (poliakova@un.org)) indicating the name and title of the speaker. For questions on the list of speakers, please call 1 (212) 963-5063. The list of speakers for the general exchange of views will be established on a

first-come first-served basis, with the customary protocol that ensures that Heads of States or Government speak first, followed by other heads of delegation. It is proposed that a time limit of *five minutes* be established for each statement.

All delegations prior to delivery of the statement are kindly requested to email a copy of their statement to wcdrr2015@un.org, indicating in the subject line, "Statement and Name of Country or Organization". Where possible, statements should be provided one day in advance of delivery or *at least 3 hours before* delivery of statement.

In addition to the representatives of States participating in the Conference and the representative of the European Union, representatives of the following organizations may, time permitting and without setting a precedent, make a statement under agenda item 9 (Statements by inter-governmental and other organizations) and item 10 (Statements by non-governmental organizations) of the provisional agenda in accordance with the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference (A/CONF.224/3): (a) intergovernmental organizations and other entities that have received a standing invitation from the General Assembly to participate in the capacity of observer in the sessions and work of all international conferences convened under its auspices; (b) specialized agencies and related organizations; (c) other intergovernmental organizations; (d) interested United Nations organs; and (e) associate members of regional commissions. The representatives of the non-governmental organizations and other major groups may also be added to the list of speakers. Representatives of these organizations and entities may contact the Secretariat (Ms. Maria Pamela Portillo (e-mail portillo@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5139) to be inscribed in the list of speakers.

Ministerial roundtables

The topics of the five ministerial roundtables are "Governing Disaster Risk: Overcoming Challenges"; "International Cooperation in support of a Post-2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction"; "Reducing Disaster Risk in Urban Settings"; "Reconstructing after Disasters: Build Back Better" and "Public Investment Strategies for Disaster Risk Reduction".

The roundtables will be interactive and multi-stakeholder in nature, with 45 seats each: up to 40 for Government delegations and at least 5 for other participants, including representatives of observers, entities of the United Nations system and other accredited intergovernmental organizations and major groups. Member States and other participants are encouraged to be represented at the roundtables at the highest possible level. In a Note Verbale dated 28 November 2014, delegations were requested to submit three choices, in order of preference, together with the name, title and email address of the participating minister and delegate to the Secretariat (e-mail palm@un.org, with a copy to goldfinch@un.org). Concept notes on the ministerial roundtables are available on the Conference website.

High level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues

The topics of the three high-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues are "Mobilizing Women's Leadership in Disaster Risk Reduction", "Risk Sensitive Investment: Public-Private Partnerships", and "Inclusive Disaster Risk Management: Governments, Communities and Groups Acting Together".

The high-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues will be interactive and open to all conference participants. There will be no prepared list of speakers. At the discretion of the Chair or Chairs, priority in the order of speakers will be given to those speaking at the level of Head of State or Government or at the ministerial level, followed by high-level representatives of other stakeholders. The dialogues will aim to achieve a

balance among speakers from all stakeholders. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions should not exceed *three minutes*. Representatives of States are invited to indicate to the Secretariat by e-mail (palm@un.org, with a copy to goldfinch@un.org) if they will be represented in a partnership dialogue at the level of Head of State or Government or at the ministerial level. Concept notes on the high-level multi-stakeholder partnership dialogues are available on the Conference website.

Credentials

In accordance with rule 3 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Conference, the credentials of representatives and names of alternate representatives and advisers should be addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, and delivered to the Office of Legal Affairs located on the 36th floor of the Secretariat Building (Attn. Ms. Tomoko Iwata, Room 3-3606; or Mr. Keiichiro Okimoto, Room S-3639). The credentials shall be issued either by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs or, in the case of the European Union, by the President of the European Commission.

Accreditation

Accreditation of official delegations of States, intergovernmental organizations and associate members of regional commissions, as well as specialized agencies and related organizations, is handled by the United Nations Protocol and Liaison Service via the online system "eAccreditation". Submission of online accreditation requests for members of the delegations via "eAccreditation" system must be handled by permanent/observer missions and offices in New York, who have already been registered and provided with secured login credential (password). Delegations wishing to attend the conference are advised to coordinate with their missions/offices in New York for timely submission of accreditation requests.

For detailed guideline on accreditation to the conference, please refer to the Protocol note verbale of 13 January 2015 (PRO/NV/WCDRR 2015/ARRANGEMENTS) posted on the protocol website www.un.int/protocol.

Additional information on the Conference is also available on the conference website (*click here*).

Announcements

United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law: Urgent appeal for voluntary contributions by the Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs

The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law (AVL) is a unique multi-media resource and key instrument for promoting a greater understanding of the essential role of the United Nations in the field of international law. It consists of a permanent collection of scholarly lectures, historic archives of significant international law instruments and an online legal research library providing extensive international law research materials. Since its launch on 28 October 2008, the Audiovisual Library has been accessed by almost one million users in all 193 Member States of the United Nations.

The United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law is dependent on voluntary contributions. The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division are seeking voluntary contributions from Member States to support the continuation and further development of the Audiovisual Library in 2015.

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs wish to express their appreciation to the Member States that have made voluntary contributions to support the AVL in 2014, namely, China, the Czech Republic, Finland, Ireland, Mexico, the Netherlands, Switzerland and the United Kingdom, and to the Member States that have made voluntary contributions to support the AVL in 2015, namely Italy and New Zealand.

For additional information or inquiries, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training (in English) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-166 (First Floor), for the month of *February*:

Researching Foreign Laws

Researching on the United Nations Charter

Finding Speeches

Introduction to Subscription Databases and Resources

Introduction to United Nations Documents

Security Council Documentation

Treaty Research

Voting Information

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (www.un.org/depts/dhl/).

For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

Credentials for forthcoming elections of members of United Nations human rights treaty bodies

With a view to facilitating the timely submission of credentials for all meetings of States parties convened to elect members of human rights treaty bodies, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights wishes to give all States parties to the international human rights treaties advance notice that the following meetings of States parties will take place in 2015:

Third Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance* (Tuesday, 23 June 2015) to elect five members of the Committee on Enforced Disappearance (for general information *click here*);

Twenty-sixth Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination* (Thursday, 25 June 2015) to elect nine members of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (for general information *click here*); and

Seventh Meeting of States Parties to the *International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families* (Tuesday, 30 June 2015) to elect seven members of the Committee on Migrant Workers (for general information *click here*).

The rules of procedure of each meeting require delegations to submit credentials to the Secretary-General *prior to the meeting*. Many delegations fail to provide such credentials in time and the Secretariat continues to receive obsolete credentials many months after the meetings have concluded. All States Parties are kindly requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to ensure that credentials for each of these meetings are submitted *no later than* one week before the meeting.

Delegations are reminded that the credentials of representatives and the names of members of the delegation must be issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Original copies of credentials and names of delegates for all of the above mentioned meetings, duly signed by the Head of State or Government or Foreign Minister, should be submitted to the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in New York (Attn. Mr. Nenad Vasić (e-mail vasic@un.org; room S-1309)). For any clarifications on these elections, please consult the OHCHR's guide on treaty body elections (*click here*), or contact Mr. Vasić, OHCHR (e-mail vasic@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5998).

Online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

The United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women) is pleased to announce that the online reservation system for side events on the occasion of the fifty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women is open. Permanent missions and United Nations entities may access the system by *clicking here*. For inquiries and to sign up for an account, please contact UN-Women (e-mail csw.sideevents@unwomen.org).

Press kit for the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly

The press kit for the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly is now available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free. Print-on-demand versions are available on the General Assembly website (*click here*), or via the PaperSmart portal (*click here*).

United Nations Regional Course in International Law for Africa 2015: Urgent appeal for voluntary contributions

The United Nations Regional Courses in International Law (RCIL) provide high-quality training by leading scholars and practitioners on a broad range of core subjects of international law, as well as specific subjects of particular interest to the countries in a given region.

The Regional Courses also provide an opportunity for the participants to focus on contemporary issues of international law in the region with a view to promoting greater understanding and cooperation on such issues. For further information, please consult the website of the Regional Courses (*click here*).

The Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs and the Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs are urgently seeking contributions from Member States in order to ensure sufficient funding for the Regional Course in International Law for Africa, which will take place in February 2015 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

For additional information concerning voluntary contributions, please contact Ms. Virginia Morris, Principal Legal Officer, Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs (e-mail morrisv@un.org).

Repertoire of the Practice of the Security Council (Fifteenth Supplement - 2004-2007 (Vols. I and II))

The Department of Political Affairs recently published the fifteenth Supplement to the *Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council, covering the years from 2004 to 2007. The *Repertoire* is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations to follow the evolving practice of the Council and gain a better understanding of the framework in which it operates.

For paper copies of the Fifteenth Supplement, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288).

Later supplements covering the period 2008 to 2011 are available in their advance version on line by *clicking here*.

Calendar of conferences and meetings

The 2015 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 5 February 2015

Security Council

[archived video]

7376th meeting *The situation in Guinea-Bissau*

Report of the Secretary-General on developments in Guinea-Bissau and the activities of the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau (S/2015/37)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representatives of Ghana, Guinea-Bissau and Timor-Leste to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Mr. Miguel Trovoada, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau, and His Excellency Antonio de Aguiar Patriota, Chair of the Guinea-Bissau configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission and Permanent Representative of Brazil, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by Mr. Trovoada and His Excellency Antonio de Aguiar Patriota.

The Council heard a statement by the representatives of Guinea-Bissau, Ghana (on behalf of the Economic Community of West African States) and Timor-Leste (speaking on behalf of the Community of the Portuguese-speaking countries).

General Assembly

Ad Hoc Committee on Sovereign Debt Restructuring Processes
First working session

[archived video]

4th meeting

The Vice-Chair (Sri Lanka) opened the meeting.

Election of officers [item 1]

The Ad Hoc Committee elected, by acclamation, Mr. Khaled Benamadi (Algeria) as Rapporteur of the Ad Hoc Committee.

A multilateral legal framework for sovereign debt restructuring processes [item 3]

The Ad Hoc Committee resumed its consideration of the item and held two panel discussions that were moderated by the Vice-Chair.

Panel discussion on "The political economy of debt restructuring"

Presentations were made by the following panellists: Mr. James Haley, Senior Fellow, Centre for International Governance Innovation; Ms. Odette Lienau, Associate Professor of Law, Cornell University; and Mr. Mark Weidemaier, Associate Professor of Law, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

In the ensuing discussion, the panellists responded to comments made and questions posed by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) and Singapore.

An intervention was also made by the representative of the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

A statement was also made by the observer for the civil society organization, Bread for the World, also on behalf of the Centre for International Governance Innovation.

Panel discussion on "Standstills, roll-overs and write-offs: Economic perspectives"

Presentations were made by the following panellists: Mr. Yilmaz Akyuz, Chief Economist, South Centre; Mr. Barry Herman, Assistant Professor, The New School for Public Engagement; and Mr. Martin Guzman, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Faculty of Business, Columbia University.

In the ensuing discussion, the panellists responded to comments made and questions posed by the representative of Argentina.

A statement was also made by the observer for the civil society organization, International Insolvency Institute.

Organization of work

A statement was made by the Vice-Chair.

5th meeting

The Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee (Plurinational State of Bolivia) opened the meeting.

A multilateral legal framework for sovereign debt restructuring processes [item 3]

The Ad Hoc Committee continued its consideration of the item and held a discussion on possible elements of a multilateral legal framework for sovereign debt restructuring processes and on the way forward.

A statement was made by the Chair.

A statement was made by the Director, Division on Globalization and Development Strategies, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

In the discussion, statements were made by the representatives of South Africa (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Brazil, Argentina, China, Singapore, Ecuador, Egypt, Indonesia and Chile.

The Chair made concluding remarks and declared closed the first working session of the Ad Hoc Committee.

Economic and Social Council

Commission for Social Development
Fifty-third session

[archived video]

4th meeting

Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [item 3]

Commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the World Summit for Social development "Social development: From Copenhagen to the Post-2015 Development Agenda"

The Chair of the fifty-third session, Her Excellency Simona-Mirela Miculescu (Romania), opened the meeting and made a statement.

Keynote address

A keynote address was delivered by Mr. Juan Somavía, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Interregional Policy Cooperation, via videolink.

Statements of reflection

Statements of reflection were made by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, His Excellency Ban Ki-moon; the Acting President of the General Assembly, His Excellency Denis G. Antoine (Grenada); the Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, His Excellency Oh Joon (Republic of Korea); and the Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations, His Excellency Ib Petersen.

Interactive panel discussion

The interactive panel discussion was moderated by Ms. Elizabeth Thompson, Senior Advisor, Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL).

The panellists were: His Excellency Macharia Kamau, Permanent Representative of Kenya and co-facilitator of the intergovernmental negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda; Mr. Lenni Montiel, Assistant Secretary-General of Economic Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs; Mr. Ahmed Alhendawi, Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth; Mr. Danilo Türk, Former President of Slovenia and current member of the Club de Madrid; and Ms. Margaret Mayce, Chair of the NGO Committee on Social Development.

An interactive discussion ensued, during which the panellists as well as the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Interregional Policy Cooperation, responded to comments made and questions raised by the representatives of China, Chile, Burkina Faso and Sudan, as well as by the observers for Nigeria and Iraq.

The observer for the European Union also participated in the interactive discussion.

A representative of Transdiaspora Network, Inc, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, also made a comment and posed questions to the panellists.

Organization of work

The Chair made a statement.

5th meeting

Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: Priority theme: Rethinking and strengthening social development in the contemporary world [item 3 (a)]

The Commission continued general discussion of sub-item 3 (a) and heard statements by the representatives of Argentina, Finland, Switzerland, France, Belarus, Nepal, Cuba, Viet Nam, Egypt, Mexico, Japan, Mongolia and Pakistan.

Statements were also made by the observers for Mozambique (on behalf of the African States), Nicaragua, South Africa, Kazakhstan, Turkey, Colombia, Italy, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Sweden, India and Bulgaria.

A statement was also made by the representative of the International Committee for Peace and Reconciliation, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

Organization of work

The Vice-Chair (Germany) made a statement.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, New York, 10 December 1984

Ratification: Viet Nam (5 February 2015)

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Withdrawal of interpretative declaration made upon ratification: Thailand (5 February 2015)

Ratification: Viet Nam (5 February 2015)

Amendment to article 8 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Kampala, 10 June 2010

Ratification: Costa Rica (5 February 2015)

Amendments on the crime of aggression to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. Kampala, 11 June 2010

Ratification: Costa Rica (5 February 2015)

General information

Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *February 2015* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Mozambique
His Excellency António Gumende

Asia-Pacific States:
Vanuatu
His Excellency Odo Tevi

Eastern European States:
Hungary
Her Excellency Katalin Annamária Bogyay

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Honduras
Her Excellency Mary Elizabeth Flores

Western European and other States:
Austria
His Excellency Martin Sajdik

Security Council

Communications to the President of the Security Council

Communications addressed to the President of the Security Council should be delivered to the Office of the President of the Council (e-mailed dpa-scsb3@un.org; room S-2472; fax 1 (917) 367-0406). For queries, please call to 1 (212) 963-5258.

Website of the presidency

The website of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at www.un.org/en/sc/presidency/.

Unscheduled meetings

Information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by clicking on "Programme of work" on the website of the Security Council at www.un.org/en/sc; or by calling to 1 (212) 963-5258.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered.

Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (e-mail mdc@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-7166; room S-0220).

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